

TO DISCUSS WAGES Railway Officials Will Meet Engineers March 14.

COMPROMISE IS EXPECTED

Forty-nine Systems East of Chicago Will Be Represented at the New York Conference—Demand Wage Increase and Better Working Conditions.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—The requests of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for higher wages and an adjustment of working conditions on the forty-nine railroad systems east of Chicago will be considered and acted upon on March 14 at a conference in New York city between officials of the organization and representatives of the companies.

The conference, it is believed, will last from ten to fifteen days. It is believed it will result in a compromise, the railroads probably agreeing to grant some of the requests.

A committee of the brotherhood conferred with S. C. Long, general manager of the Pennsylvania railroad line east of Pittsburgh, at his office in the Broad street station. Following the session the railroad announced that it will join the other roads "to have the questions at issue handled collectively by the conference of general managers in New York."

When a committee of the brotherhood conferred last Friday with A. T. Dice, general manager of the Philadelphia and Reading railway, he stated that the requests could not be granted at this time, as they were to be considered at the New York sessions. It is believed that the Philadelphia and Reading management will agree to the general adjustment.

Six officials of the brotherhood will represent the men at the conference. They will be Warren S. Stone, president of the brotherhood, which has headquarters in Cleveland, and the following assistant grand chiefs: E. W. Corrigan, M. W. Cadie, Ashton Kennedy, H. E. Willis and F. A. Burgess. J. C. Stuart, vice president of the Erie railroad, will be chairman of the session in New York.

The requests of the brotherhood have been under consideration by the managements of the forty-nine railroads east of Chicago for a month. The men seek an advance in wages from 10 to 50 per cent. Improvement in the working conditions involve propositions of the hours of labor, the question of pay for overtime and delays occasioned when the engine-men are not given opportunity to start on their runs.

\$10,000 FOR MINE INJURY.

Lad of Twenty Is a Physical Wreck From Disaster.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—The personal injury damage suit of Antony Bogdanovic, twenty years old, and his father, Frank, against the Susquehanna Coal company resulted in a verdict of \$10,000 for the plaintiffs.

The boy was a driver of a car pulled by mules in the company's Richards colliery at Mount Carmel, Pa.

Without sufficiently instructing the lad as to the presence of certain timbers along the dark driveway in the mine, his lawyer said, the defendant put him to driving the mule car.

On the day in question the car was loaded with lumber and the boy had to sit on the side of the car. He could not see the heavy upright posts, and as he was going down an incline he was caught between the heavy timbers and the side of his car and his body was crushed. The injuries are of a permanent, grave character, and the boy is unfit for work.

REVENGE BY CUTTING FINGER

Wife Called Him Names, So Thought to Make Her Sorry.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—Frank Haines was taken to the Roosevelt hospital after he had deliberately cut off the index finger of his right hand "to spite his wife." He also endeavored to hack off the middle finger, but in this he was unsuccessful.

According to Haines, he went home and had some words with his wife, and in an effort to make her sorry for some names he said she called him, he took a butcher knife and hacked away at his hand.

After maiming himself Haines wandered in the streets for twenty-four hours. Physicians fear they will have to amputate the hand.

ROB RICH WIDOW'S HOUSE.

Summer Residence of Mrs. J. C. Bradley of Philadelphia Again Looted.

Media, Pa., Feb. 27.—The summer residence of Mrs. J. C. Bradley, widow of a wealthy coal operator, has been entered and robbed again.

A rear window was jimmied open, and the thief easily gained access to the house, which is unoccupied during the winter, as Mrs. Bradley and her family are residing in Philadelphia.

The thief was discriminating, as plated silverware was removed and thrown about the floor. Two years ago a colored thief camped in the Bradley house for two weeks and feasted on champagne from the wine cellar.

SENATOR GARDNER.

Who Wants Government to Buy and Operate Express Business.



Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Gardner of Maine introduced a bill under which the government would take over the properties of express companies and operate them as a part of the postal service, extending the service to the rural delivery. The measure indicates the probable cost of taking over the properties as follows:

Real property, \$14,832,169; equipments, \$7,381,455; materials and supplies, \$138,210; advance payments on contracts, \$5,836,665; franchises, good will, etc., 10,877,563; total, \$39,165,514.

PREDICTION BY M'KINLEY.

Taft's Campaign Manager Sure of President's Renomination.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—That President Taft will be renominated by the Republicans at the national convention in June in spite of the open candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt for a third term is the emphatic prediction made by Congressman William B. McKinley of Illinois, who is directing the president's campaign.

This forecast was endorsed also by David B. Forgan, president of the Taft Club of Illinois, who has just returned from Washington.

"The announcement of the candidacy of former President Roosevelt will not make the slightest difference in the world in the campaign that is being carried on for the renomination and reelection of President Taft," said Congressman McKinley. "Mr. Taft will be renominated at the Chicago convention of this there is to my mind not the slightest shadow of a doubt."

DEPLORE T. R.'S CANDIDACY.

Former Governor and One Who Would Be Out For Taft.

Portland, Me., Feb. 27.—Henry B. Cleaves, former governor of Maine, discussing the Roosevelt letter, said:

"It is much to be regretted that former President Roosevelt has announced himself as a candidate for the presidency. His candidacy does not seem to be in harmony with his former statements upon this subject and is contrary to his repeated declarations."

Adam P. Leighton, the probable Republican candidate for governor and former mayor of Portland, said:

"I hope to be a delegate to the Republican national convention and to have the honor of casting my vote for President Taft, believing as I do that he ought to be renominated and elected. I regret the decision of Colonel Roosevelt. I do not believe he will be nominated."

HELPS THE DEMOCRATS?

Governor O'Neal of Alabama Sees Dissection in G. O. P. Ranks.

New York, Feb. 27.—"There is one thing that can be said about Roosevelt coming out for the nomination," said Governor Emmett O'Neal of Alabama who is on a visit to the metropolis "It increases the chances of the Democratic party at the next election."

"Then, of course, it gives the country the opportunity to settle forever the question of the third term. It will also help to determine the answer to the question as to whether this shall be a representative government or a pure democracy, to be governed by the unrestrained will of the numerical majority."

APPEAL TO FRANCE.

Turkey Would Prevent Further Bombardments by Italians.

Paris, Feb. 27.—France has been appealed to to bring action against Italy in order to prevent any more bombardment of Turkish cities. The appeal is made by Rifaat Pasha, the Turkish ambassador, who also presented to Premier Poincaré a protest against the Italian warships' bombardment of Beirut, on the Syrian coast.

Minister's Daughter Killed.

Madrid, Feb. 27.—The undersecretary of justice, Senor Wire, and his two daughters and the former minister, Senor Martinez, met with an accident while returning from Guadavarrana in an automobile. One of the girls was killed and the other injured.

ALL ON NO CAPITAL

American Express Company Secrets Disclosed.

EARN \$40,000,000 A YEAR.

At Interstate Commerce Commission Hearing Statistics Are Introduced to Show This Company Has Received \$598,153,930 From Patrons Since 1868.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The American Express Company has received from its patrons since 1868, when it was organized, for transportation the sum of \$598,153,930, and according to figures presented by the representatives of the company to the interstate commerce commission there never has been a cent invested in the enterprise.

The hearing in the commission's investigation into the express companies was resumed in this city, two witnesses being heard—Charles S. Ludlum, an expert accountant employed by the American Express company, and J. H. Bradley, vice president of the company. Questioned by Attorney Frank I. Lyon, who represents the commission, and by Commissioner Lane, Mr. Bradley was unable to explain satisfactorily why the express companies made so many overcharges. In the case of one company it has been shown that it made 3,000 overcharges in one day and collected in one year \$67,000 as overcharges.

Commissioner Lane stated that he had on one occasion sent a package to himself from another city to Washington, prepaid the charges, beat the package to Washington, and then had it presented to him with a demand for payment a second time. He said that the commission had hundreds of complaints of double charges.

"It is a universal complaint," said he, "that in the case of the adjustment of these overcharges, or those that are adjusted, there is considerable delay, and from personal experience I know that the express companies in making them act as if they were doing a favor, as if it were a gratuitous service. We are going to find a way to remedy these things."

Statistics introduced in evidence showed that the American express company began business in 1868 practically without a cent of actual money but down to June 30, 1911, had disbursed as dividends to shareholders the sum of \$43,500,000. The company's net income from its investments purchased from earnings has been \$26,000,000.

According to the figures, also, the total investment of the company at the present time is \$10,339,803. The gross receipts of the company are approximately \$40,000,000 per annum.

"AUNT DELIA" IS SORRY.

Miss Torrey Sure, However, That Taft Will Win Again.

Millbury, Mass., Feb. 27.—Miss Delia C. Torrey, aunt of President Taft and familiarly known as "Aunt Delia," is not pleased at the announcement of former President Roosevelt that he will accept the nomination for another term if it is offered him.

Miss Torrey, who is eighty-seven years old and who returned Saturday from a visit to the White House, when asked what she thought of the Roosevelt statement, said:

"I am very sorry Colonel Roosevelt has decided to be a candidate for the presidency again. I feel sure he will be defeated and that my nephew, President Taft, will be renominated and re-elected for a second term. I think the president has done nothing to cause the people to go back on him, and while I am a woman and do not know much about politics I think public sentiment is with President Taft and will carry him through all right."

STRIKE UPROAR IN SENATE.

Bailey, Root and Others Object to a Federal Probe.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Poincaré of Washington on his return from a personal investigation of the conditions at Lawrence, Mass., introduced a resolution in the senate for an investigation by the department of commerce and labor, with particular reference to whether aliens had been arrested while seeking to pass into another state.

Objections poured forth from Senators Bailey, Gallinger and others. Senator Root sought to block it with the inquiry whether any foreign government had made complaint.

Senators Gallinger and Bailey contended the state of Massachusetts was perfectly competent to deal with the situation.

ANOTHER FRENCH DUEL.

Anti-Republicans Meet Without Much Blood Being Shed.

Paris, Feb. 27.—Another duel was fought, this time between two anti-Republicans, Paul de Cassagnac, editor of *Autorité* and an imperialist leader, and Charles Maurras, a royalist agitator.

The latter was wounded in the arm, but challenged De Cassagnac to meet him again when his arm is better.

Both men were agreed that the republic must go, but quarreled over the form of government which should take its place.

Cookery Points

One Egg Cake.

Cream a half cupful of butter, work in one cupful of sugar, then one egg yolk. When smooth stir in one cupful of milk and gradually two cupfuls of sifted flour, with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Flavor with vanilla, bake and ice with the following: Beat one cupful of confectioner's sugar slowly into the white of one egg and flavor with a half teaspoonful of vanilla. Stir over the fire a half cupful of grated chocolate, two tablespoonfuls of confectioner's sugar and one tablespoonful of hot water until smooth, then add one more tablespoonful of hot water and stir into the sugar and beaten egg. Nuts may be added, whole or chopped.

Veal Croquettes.

Mince fine one cupful of cold veal, add a half cupful of cooked sweetbreads, also cold and minced, one cupful of cooked rice, a few drops of onion juice and minced parsley, celery or thyme to season. Moisten with a little veal stock and heat over the fire. Add salt and pepper and beaten egg yolk. Cook for one or two minutes and turn out on a dish to cool. When firm and cold form into croquettes, egg shape, roll in bread crumbs, then in beaten egg, to which a tablespoonful of milk has been added, again in the crumbs and fry in hot fat until a rich brown. Minced chicken may be substituted for the veal and sweetbreads.

New Scrambled Eggs.

The member of your family who scorns scrambled eggs may enjoy them in a new, glorified form. Cut thin slices of ham in strips like matches. Mince an onion. Fry both in butter seasoned with salt and pepper, and when nearly done add three or four slices of mushrooms. Make a circle of the ham and onions and place the scrambled eggs in the center, garnishing with parsley.

Another variation is to spread round croissants with a layer of sweet red pepper cooked, then the scrambled eggs, then a sprinkling of truffles. All scrambled eggs must be served at once and must not be tough.

Banana Croquettes.

Pee six bananas, cut a slice from each end, then cut into crosswise sections. Dredge well with powdered sugar and marinate one hour in the juice of two oranges, turning the sections over now and then. Roll in beaten egg, then in grated crumbs, and fry in deep hot fat. For the sauce, strain the sirup after the bananas have been taken out, bring just to boiling point, then thicken with one tablespoonful cornstarch stirred smooth in a little cold water. Cook until clear, take from the fire and add a half teaspoonful of orange extract.

Pot Roast.

Use any kind of meat. Put into an iron pot a tablespoonful of meat fryings or butter; let it brown; wash off the roast and put into the pot. After it begins to fry, pour in enough water to half cover the meat; season with pepper and salt; cover and stew slowly. As the meat begins to fry, add more water; turn it often, and cook about three hours. A half hour before serving add either Irish or sweet potatoes or turnips; allow to brown with meat. If turnips are added prepare browned sweet potatoes separately.

Dried Fruit.

Dried fruit tastes just as good when stewed in the oven, and this method has its advantages—the fruit will not dry and burn, it will remain whole and may be cooked while roasting or baking. Wash the fruit, pour boiling water over it and let it stand in a covered dish until ready to put in the oven. Then add the sugar, cover lightly and let the heat of the oven do the cooking. Prunes are always delicious when stewed in this way.

A Delicious Rabbit.

A treasured rule for Welsh rabbit in a girl's recipe book calls for a quarter of a cupful of milk, three ounces of Cheddar cheese cut into small dice, an egg, a tablespoonful of butter, salt, a little mustard and a shake or two of paprika. Bring the milk to a boil, put in the cheese and stir until it is melted. Then add the egg and seasonings, stir until the mixture is creamy and turn over toasted bread or crackers.

A Sandwich Novelty.

White bread sandwiches sprinkled with sugar are a delight in one household where everybody has a sweet tooth. It may be that the fashionable "nervous stomach" has been cultivated as much by the goodies in the way of cakes and bonbons served at daily teas as anything else. Sweet sandwiches are twice as healthy and to most persons are a welcome relief from the universal American cake habit.

Southern Johnnycake.

For southern johnnycake make a batter of half a cupful of sugar, an egg, four tablespoonfuls of drippings or butter, a level teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a cupful of sour milk, a cupful of cornmeal and a cupful of flour. Put a large tablespoonful of lard into an iron frying pan, and when it is very hot turn in the batter and bake in a hot oven. Southern cooks scorn a tin baking dish for this cake.

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